# Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2014 and 2013

Deferred income tax assets (liabilities) consist of the following:

2014

2013

Timing difference - accelerated depreciation - Western Telephone
Timing difference - amortization of

Equity investments - timing differences carryforwards

Marketable securities

Deferred tax (liabilities) assets



The timing differences for accelerated depreciation and amortization result in deferred income taxes as result of using different depreciation and amortization for financial reporting and income tax purposes.

The net deferred tax asset related to alternative minimum tax credits is from years where the Cooperative's alternative minimum tax liability exceeded its regular income tax liability. The credit carryforwards can be used to reduce regular income taxes in years when the regular income tax exceeds AMT.

The estimated deferred taxes related to marketable securities represent an income tax liability that would occur if the securities were sold.

#### Note 15 - Commitments

During 2014, the Cooperative entered into a signed contract of approximately for construction of multiple fiber to the premise projects. As of December 31, 2014, the Cooperative had expended approximately related to these projects. The remaining commitment on this contract was approximately at December 31, 2014.

### Note 16 - Contingency



Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2014 and 2013

# Note 17 - Supplemental Cash Flow Disclosures

The following is the detail information for the changes in current assets and liabilities shown on the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Changes in current and other assets and liabilities

Accounts receivable

Accrued toll and access revenue

Other accounts receivable

Materials and supplies

Interest receivable

Prepaid expenses

Accounts payable

Customer deposits

Advanced billings

Accrued taxes - other

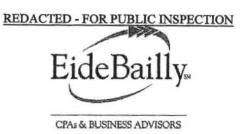
Income taxes payable

Other current liabilities

 2014	201	3
\$ 4	14	
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\$	\$	



Supplemental Information
December 31, 2014 and 2013
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#### Independent Auditor's Report on Supplementary Information

To the Board of Directors Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries Highmore, South Dakota

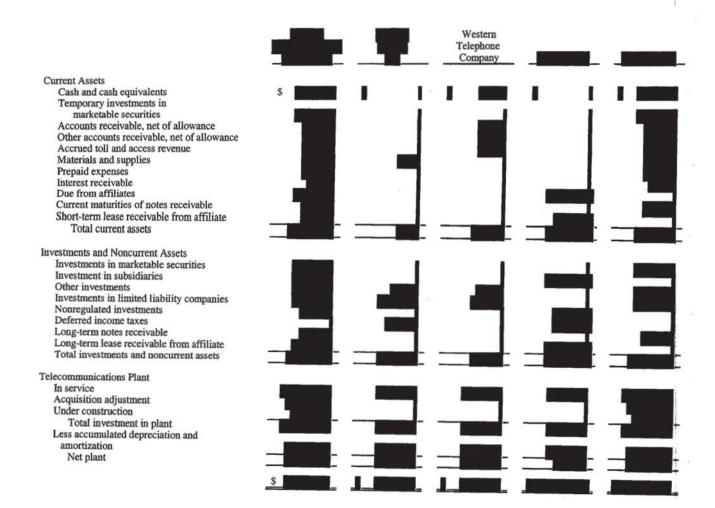
We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and our report thereon dated March 25, 2015, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements, appears on page 1. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information on pages 24 through 29 is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Esde Saelly LLP

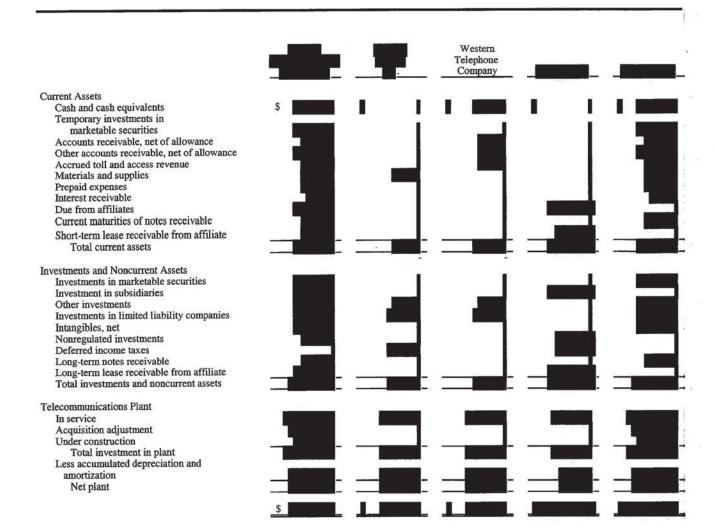
March 25, 2015

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Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets with Supplementary Consolidating Information December 31, 2014

Current Liabilities Current maturities of long-term debt Accounts payable Accounts payable - construction Due to (from) affiliates Customer deposits Advanced billings Accrued taxes - other Income taxes payable Other current liabilities	\$ <b>'</b> =	Western Telephone Company	
Total current liabilities			
Long-Term Debt, Less Current Maturities			 _
Other Liabilities Deferred income taxes Deferred credits Total other liabilities	<u>_</u> :		
Equities Patronage capital Other allocated equity Other equities (deficit) Common stock Current year margins Accumulated other comprehensive income Total equities		1	
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Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Operations with Supplementary Consolidating Information Year Ended December 31, 2014

		Western Telephone Company		
Operating Revenues Local network access Network access services Long distance network services Miscellaneous Uncollectible revenue Nonregulated telecom and wireless revenue Total operating revenues	\$ ' <b>-</b>	' 1	3	
Operating Expenses Plant specific operations Plant nonspecific operations Cable television programming Depreciation Amortization Customer operations Corporate operations Operating taxes, other Total operating expenses				
Net Operating Margin  Nonoperating Margin (Loss) Interest and dividend income AFUDC  Nonoperating margin (loss) from Earnings in equity of subsidiaries Earnings (losses) in equity of investee Nonregulated net income Miscellaneous income				
Net nonoperating margin (loss)  Net Margin Before Interest and Taxes  Interest Expense Interest on long-term debt			三	
Total interest expense  Net Margin Before Taxes  Provision for Income Taxes				
Net Margin	\$			

# Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Operations with Supplementary Consolidating Information Year Ended December 31, 2013

	4		Western Telephone Company		
Operating Revenues					
Local network access	\$				
Network access services revenue  Long distance network services					
Miscellaneous					
Uncollectible revenue					
Nonregulated telecom and wireless revenue Total operating revenues					
Operating Expenses					
Plant specific operations					
Plant nonspecific operations		-		- 1 V	
Cable television programming					
Depreciation					
Amortization					
Customer operations			100		F
Corporate operations	<u></u>		-		1
Operating taxes, other					
Total operating expenses					
Net Operating Margin					
Nonoperating Margin (Loss)					
Interest and dividend income		1			
AFUDC		1			
Nonoperating margin (loss) from	Service and				
Earnings in equity of subsidiaries				2//8/1004	
Earnings (losses) in equity of investee	,				
Nonregulated net income	-				
Miscellaneous income charges		2			
Net nonoperating margin (loss)					
Net Margin Before Interest and Taxes					
Interest Expense					
Interest on long-term debt				- C-241 - 20 - 2	
Total interest expense					
Net Margin (Loss) Before Taxes					
Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes				-	
Net Margin (Loss)	\$	<u>I</u>		<u></u>	

Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows with Supplementary Consolidating Information Year Ended December 31, 2014

		1	Western Telephone Company		
Operating Activities					
Net margin	\$				
Adjustments to reconcile net margin (loss) to					
net cash from (used for) operating activities					
Depreciation accruals					
Telecommunications plant			*****	1	
Nonregulated telecommunication plant					
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Amortization - plant adjustment	-			6	pale .
Amortization - customer lists	L <sub>a</sub>	4600		- 1	
Deferred income taxes				- 1	
Equity in (earnings) losses of investees				<u> </u>	
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries				N	
Gain on sale of marketable securities	a e				4 (4
Change in current assets and liabilities Change in lease receivable from affiliate					
Change in due to/due from affiliate				1	
Change in deferred credits	i de la companya de			1	
Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities					
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Investing Activities					
Plant additions and replacements, net		_		_	
Telecommunications plant				1	
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Nonregulated telecommunication equipment					
Contribution in aid of construction					
Change in other investments Contributions to equity investees				1	
Distributions from equity investees					- 10 mg
Purchases of marketable securities		- Wi			- 1
Sales of marketable securities		- 1	1	- 1	
Payments received on notes receivable				- 1	for the second
Net Cash used for Investing Activities					
Financing Activities				•	2 10 100
Advances on long-term debt			-		
Principal payments on long-term debt		1	- 1	1	
Donated capital credits		f	- 1	1	
Retirement of capital credits	-		- 1		
Net Cash used for Financing Activities					
The state of the s					
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents		1			
Cash and Cash Equivalents					
Beginning of period				i i	
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End of period	\$				

Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows with Supplementary Consolidating Information
Year Ended December 31, 2013

			Western Telephone Company		
Operating Activities	000	_			
Net margin (loss)	\$				
Adjustments to reconcile net margin (loss) to				_	
net cash from (used for) operating activities					
Depreciation accruals		9· <b>=</b> 1		_	
Telecommunications plant					
Nonregulated telecommunication plant				- 1	
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Amortization - plant adjustment Amortization - customer lists	9				
Deferred income taxes					
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Equity in earnings of subsidiaries					
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Change in deferred credits			-		
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Investing Activities					
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Telecommunications plant					-2
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Nonregulated telecommunication equipment					
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Payments received on notes receivable	-				
Net Cash (used for) from Investing Activities					
Financing Activities					
Principal payments on long-term debt		1	1	T I	And and the Committee of the Committee o
Donated capital credits					
Federal excise tax refund	e				
Retirement of capital credits					
Net Cash used for Financing Activities					
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents		I		1	
Cash and Cash Equivalents					
Beginning of period					
End of period	\$			<b></b>	



# Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance Based on an Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

The Board of Directors Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries Highmore, South Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the consolidated financial statements of Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income, equities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 25, 2015.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements, we considered Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the consolidated financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries' internal control.

Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries' internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's consolidated financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not yet been identified.

### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries' consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters and required audit communications that we reported to management of Venture Communications Cooperative and Subsidiaries in a separate letter dated March 25, 2015.

# **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Esde Saelly LLP

March 25, 2015

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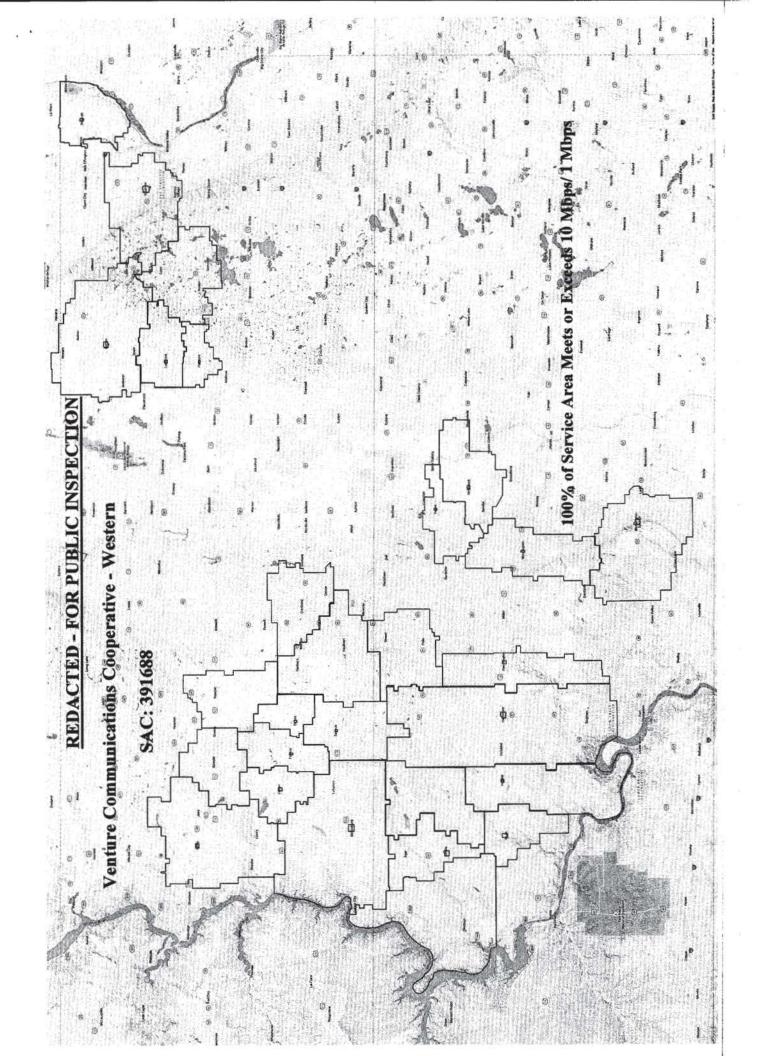
# Year 2014 Federal Universal Service Receipts:

Interstate Access Support	\$
Interstate Common Line Support	\$
Connect America Fund Support	\$
High Cost Loop Support	\$
Safety Net Additive Support	\$
Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment	\$
TOTAL	\$

Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:

	Actual
	2014
Plant Specific Operations Expenses	
Network support (Accts 6110-16)	\$
General support (Accts 6120-24)	\$
Central office (Accts 6210-6232)	\$
Cable and wire facilities (Accts 6410-41)	\$
Network operations (Accts 6530-35)	\$
Depreciation and amortization (Accts 6560-65)	\$
<b>Customer Operations Expenses</b>	
Customer services (Accts 6611-23)	\$
Corporate Operations Expenses	
Executive and planning (Accts 6710-12)	\$
General and administrative (Accts 6720-28)	\$
Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on	
Investment	\$
Additions/Capx	
Switching (Acct 2210)	\$
Transmission Equipment (Acct 2230)	\$
Cable and wire (Acct 2410)	\$
Total	\$
Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment	\$

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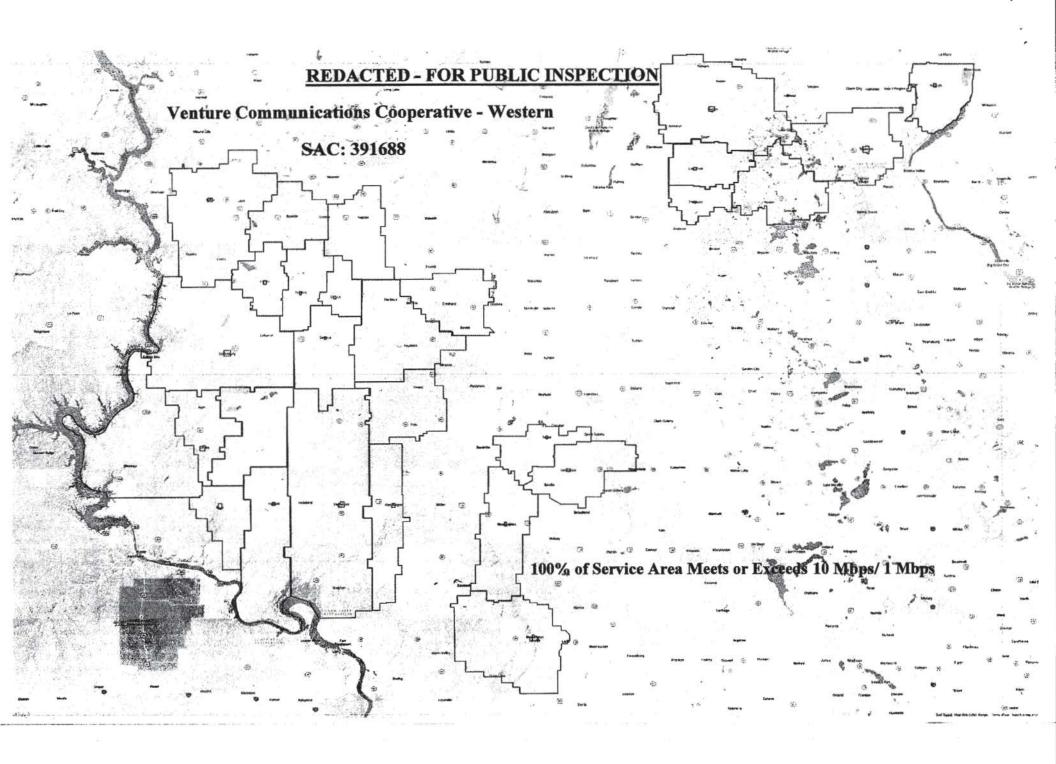
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